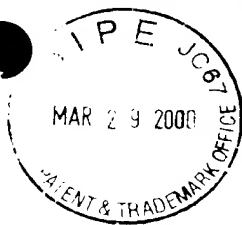


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Tsutomu HONDA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: Continuation of 09/232,821	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: January 18, 2000	)	
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For: CAMERA	)	

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING SPECIFICATION AND DRAWINGS  
AND ALTERNATIVE PETITION TO CONVERT TYPE OF APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-captioned application, it was noted that the Request for Filing a Continuation/Divisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) filed on January 18, 2000, may not have included a copy of the prior application 09/232,821, originally filed on January 19, 1999, as indicated in said Request.

However, the Request includes the statement "the entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein". Accordingly, it is believed that this quoted paragraph is sufficient basis for submission of the copy of the original application. A copy of the original

Additionally, should the Office deem the quoted paragraph to be insufficient, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 to convert the above captioned

application from a Rule 53(b), Request for Continuing Application, to a Rule 53(d) (CPA) Request for Continuing Application.

It is believed that no Petition fee is owed for this submission. However, it should be deemed otherwise, that the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Should any questions arise, the Office is asked to contact the undersigned at the number listed below. Favorable action on the merits and award of a filing date of January 18, 2000, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/537,420  
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"Camera"**MESSAGE:**

Pursuant to our phone conversation, accompanying is a copy of the Request for Filing Continuation/Divisional Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) that was filed on January 18, 2000. Item No. 8, appearing on page 3, contains the instruction to cancel claims 2-22.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/232,821 filed on January 19, 1999, for CAMERA, by the following named inventor(s):

(a) Full Name Tsutomu HONDA

(b) Full Name Hideki NAGATA

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name Kiyoshi SEIGENII

(b) Full Name Toshihiro HAMAMURA

(c) Full Name Takashi OKADA

(d) Full Name Shigeto OHMORI

(e) Full Name Tougo TERAMOTO

(f) Full Name Takashi KATO

(g) Full Name Hiroaki KUBO

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s)

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of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 09/232,821, as originally filed on January 19, 1999, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
3. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status ☐ are enclosed ☐ were filed in prior Application No. \_\_, filed on \_\_.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$690.00 (101)
Total Claims	1	MINUS 20 =	-0-	x \$18.00 (103) =	-0-
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	-0-	x \$78.00 (102) =	-0-
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00 (104)					-0-
Total Application Fee					690.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					-0-
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					690.00

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5. ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ for the fee due.
6. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
7. ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
8. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-22 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, of Application No. 09/232,821, filed January 19, 1999.--
10. ☒ Transfer the drawings from the pending prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)
11. ☐ New drawings are enclosed.
12. ☒ Priority of Application Nos.: H7-142049, filed on June 8, 1995; H7-147398, filed on June 14, 1995; H7-147399, filed on June 14, 1995; H7-151875, filed on June 19, 1995; H7-151876, filed on June 19, 1995; H7-168607, filed on July 4, 1995; H7-191841, filed on July 27, 1995; H7-192780, filed on July 28, 1995; H7-192711, filed on July 28, 1995; H7-193356, filed on July 28, 1995; H7-194378, filed on July 31, 1995; H7-194885, filed on July 31, 1995; H7-194889, filed on July 31, 1995; H7-204713, filed on August 10, 1995, in Japan (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ The certified copy of the priority application  
☐ is enclosed  
☒ was filed on August 6, 1996 in prior Application No. 08/659,690, filed on June 6, 1996  
☐ has not yet been filed.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment will follow.
14. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time.
15. ☐ Also enclosed \_\_\_\_\_
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Platen N. Mandros, Reg. No. 22,124  
Attorney in Fact  
Minnesota  
☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application

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- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney   .
- d. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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January 18, 2000  
Date

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☐ assignee of complete interest  
☒ attorney or agent of record  
☐ filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)

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